

**PATENT APPLICATION  
Q65728**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Daisuke NOHARA, et al.

Appln. No.: (TBA)

Group Art Unit: (TBA)

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For: ADDITIVE FOR RUBBER COMPOSITION, ADDITIVE COMPOSITION  
FOR RUBBER COMPOSITION, RUBBER COMPOSITION AND TIRE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

18. (*Amended*) A pneumatic tire characterized by using a rubber composition as claimed in claim 14.

**Please add the following new claims:**

--19. *(New)* A pneumatic tire characterized by using a rubber composition as claimed in claim 15.

20. *(New)* A pneumatic tire characterized by using a rubber composition as claimed in claim 16.

21. *(New)* A pneumatic tire characterized by using a rubber composition as claimed in claim 17.--

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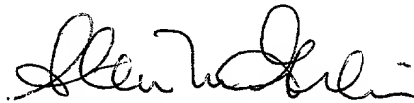
**REMARKS**

By the foregoing amendments, the multiple dependency of claim 18 is deleted so as to avoid the multiple claim dependency fee, and new claims 19-21 are added in lieu thereof.

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested.

Please charge any additional fees due (except the Issue Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

18. (*Amended*) A pneumatic tire characterized by using a rubber composition as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 14 [to 17].

**New Claims 19-21 are added.**